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## SUDBURY URBAN DISTRICT

OR

## BOROUGH OF SUDBURY

IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNTY OF WEST SUFFOLK.

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR 1947

## SECTION A.

## 1—General Statistics.

Population—Registrar General's Estimate—6,558  
 Area—1925 acres.

Number of Inhabited Houses ... 2,400  
 Rateable Value ... ... £33,946  
 Sum represented by a penny rate £132 8s. 3d.

## 2—Extract of Vital Statistics for the year.

LIVE BIRTHS	} Legitimate	Total	M.	F.	Live Birth Rate per 1,000, estimated population England and Wales	21·5 20·5
		7	2	5		
	TOTAL	... 141	77	64		
STILL BIRTHS	} Legitimate	6	3	3	Rate per 1,000 total births	40·8
		0	0	0	Rate per 1,000 population	0·91
	TOTAL	... 6	3	3	Rate per 1,000 population, England and Wales	0·50
DEATHS	...	111	57	54	Death Rate (crude)	16·9
					Death Rate of England and Wales	12·0
Number of women dying in or in consequence of child-births		{ from sepsis		...	...	0
		{ other causes		...	...	0
Deaths of infants under one year—Legitimate 4 Illegitimate 0		...	...	...	TOTAL	4
Death Rate of infants under one year—						
All infants per 1,000 live births ... ... ... ... ... ... 42·5						
England and Wales per 1,000 live births ... ... ... ... ... ... 41·0						
Legitimate infants per 1,000 Legitimate live births ... ... ... ... ... ... 44·7						
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 Illegitimate live births ... ... ... ... ... ... 0						
Deaths from Measles (all ages) ... ... ... 0						
,, „ Whooping Cough (all ages) ... ... 0						
,, „ Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age) ... 0						
,, „ Cancer (all ages) ... ... M 13 F 10—TOTAL 23						

## SECTION B.

## WATER SUPPLY.

Plentiful supply, purity good. Analysis made 6 times with good results.

## SEWERAGE.

A fair effluent has been maintained. No change made in the method of dealing with the sewerage.

## SECTION C.

## **Health Services.**

(1) PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF.

Medical Officer of Health (part time). One Sanitary Inspector. Member of Sanitary Institute.

(2) AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

(a) *For Infectious Cases.*

All cases are sent to Colchester, and the Colchester ambulance fetches the cases.

(b) *For Accident Cases and Non-Infectious Cases.*

The Ambulance run by the Voluntary Aid Detachment of the Red Cross Society has proved itself adequate for the needs of the district.

### (3) NURSING IN THE HOME.

*General.* Two district nurses are available.

*Infectious Diseases.* No facilities for nursing infectious diseases exist.

#### (4) CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES.

There is a Maternity and Child Welfare Centre under the West Suffolk County Council, and attended by the County Medical Officer of Health.

There is also a School Clinic run by the School Medical Officers of the County.

(5) HOSPITALS.

No change since these were last reported upon.

The following is a tabulated statement of the work carried out :—

## INSPECTIONS.

## SANITARY WORKS AND IMPROVEMENTS.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND DISINFECTION.

Disinfections carried out	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
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TEMPORARY DWELLINGS.

Number of inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
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FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS.

Number of inspections of factories	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	160
Number of nuisances found	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Number of nuisances abated	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Number of complaints from H.M. Inspector (dealt with)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3

BAKEHOUSES.

Number of bakehouses on register	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
Number of inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	68
Number of nuisances discovered and dealt with	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8

COWSHEDS.

Number of cowkeepers within the Borough	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Number of cowsheds within the Borough	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Number of inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	41
Number of notices dealt with	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4

DAIRIES AND MILKSHOPS.

Number on Register	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Number registered during year	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	nil
Number of inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	33
Number of notices dealt with	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3

PREMISES REGISTERED UNDER THE FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1936.

Premises used for the storage of, or manufacture of, ice cream intended for sale :—

NO. ON REGISTER.	NO. OF INSPECTIONS.	NUISANCES FOUND.	NUISANCES DEALT WITH.
10	40	1	1

Premises used for the manufacture of preserved foods for sale :—

NO. ON REGISTER.	NO. OF INSPECTIONS.	NUISANCES FOUND.	NUISANCES DEALT WITH.
17	42	6	6

HOUSING.

During the year 298 houses have been surveyed.

The work of improving housing conditions has progressed well during the year as evidenced by the list of Works and Improvements. A large amount of work has been carried out in connection with the giving of advice on repairs of all kinds (not necessarily in connection with notices served by this Department) and the investigation and issue of priority certificates for building materials for repairs.

In addition, notices have been served, and work has been carried out, or is in hand, in respect to the general improvement of 7 blocks of properties, in accordance with recommendations of the sub-committee of the Drainage and Health Committee appointed to inspect housing conditions.

ANTI RODENT.

The entire Town has now been surveyed, treated, and re-treated, with good results, and in a manner satisfactory to the occupiers of the premises concerned, to myself, and the Divisional Rodent Inspector. Six major infestations and 82 minor infestations have been dealt with and two treatments of the sewers have been carried out.

FOOD INSPECTION.

125 condemnation certificates were issued as a result of inspections of meat and other foods during the year.

E. H. KERRIDGE,

Sanitary Inspector

## SECTION D.

### Infectious Diseases.

#### NOTIFICATIONS RECEIVED.

DISEASE.	CASES NOTIFIED	ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL	DEATHS
Scarlet Fever ...	3	1	0
Measles ...	83	0	0
Whooping Cough ...	9	0	0
Erysipelas ...	2	0	0
Diphtheria ...	9	3	0

The epidemic of Diphtheria occurred in a hospital and 6 were isolated there.

#### AGE OF INCIDENCE.

Disease.	Under year	1—	2—	3—	4—	5—	10—	15—	20—	35—	45—	65 & over
Scarlet Fever ...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...
Whooping Cough ...	...	4	2	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
Measles ...	1	12	10	10	9	40	1	...	...	...	...	...
Erysipelas ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Diphtheria ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	...	1	4

#### TUBERCULOSIS.

##### NEW CASES.

Pulmonary 8.

Non Pulmonary 1 (glands of neck).

#### AGE INCIDENCE

#### NEW CASES

AGE PERIODS	NEW CASES			
	PULMONARY		NON-PULMONARY	
	M	F	M	F
Under one year ...	...	...	...	...
1— ...	...	...	...	...
5— ...	...	...	...	1
10— ...	...	...	...	...
15— ...	...	...	...	...
20— ...	...	...	1	...
25— ...	...	...	2	...
35— ...	...	2	1	...
55— ...	1	...	...	...
65 and over ...	1	...	...	...
Total ...	...	4	4	1
		8		0

Deaths: Pulmonary Tuberculosis ... M 43, M 69, M 63, Total 3

Non Pulmonary Tuberculosis M 0, F 0, ... Total 0

R. W. RIX, M.O.H